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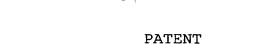
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" (form PTO-1533) dated October 25, 2001 on the above application, a Declaration duly signed by the inventors, and a check in the amount of the required \$130.00 surcharge. By separate cover, we are filing the Assignment and the \$40.00 fee for recording same.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the identified application is now complete. Early examination of the application on its merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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